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Minutes

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
January 15, 2014, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 9:40 a.m., followed by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Henry Geryk, Chairman
Michael Torchio
Mark Fortune
Frank Norton
Leo Fahey
Brian Kelly
William Gallagher
Jennifer Revill
Jack Viola
Brian Kelly

Board Members Not Present:

Dan Dumont

Guests Present:

Dominick Vanderlind, SJ Applicant
Peter Schofield, RT Applicant
Chuck Borstel, ABC
John McMullen, UA Local 51
Barbara Lagergren, Gould Const.Inst.
Doug Neveu, Notch Mechanical
Tom Theroux, PHCCMA
Gordon MacEwan, IAPMO
Kwame Agyemang, RT
Chief John Rogers, DPS
Brian Logan, DPS
Dan Kilburn, DPS
Caroline Torrisi, DPS
Holly Bartlett, DPS

2. The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed by members present; **a motion to accept the agenda was made by Mark Fortune, seconded by Jack Viola; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
3. The minutes from the last meeting on November 20, 2013, were reviewed by members present; **motion to adopt these minutes into record was made by Mark Fortune, seconded by Frank Norton, motion passed by unanimous vote.**
4. The start time for the Bureau meetings was discussed briefly, no members expressed an interest in changing the start time.

**Member Jennifer Revill arrived at the meeting at this time.*

5. The following applications for licensure were considered by the Bureau:

- a. Application from Dominick Vanderlind to sit for the Sprinkler Journeyman exam was considered, Mr. Vanderlind was present at this meeting. **Motion to approve this application made by Henry Geryk, seconded by Leo Fahey; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- b. Application from Peter Schofield to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. Schofield was present at this meeting. **Motion to approve this application was made by Frank Norton, seconded by Mark Fortune; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- c. Application from Guillermo Beltre-Baez to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered. Chief Rogers informed the Bureau the applicant had arrived to the meeting, but that he does not speak or understand English; Chief Rogers asked that the Bureau table consideration of this application until the next meeting. **Motion to table this application until the next meeting was made by Jack Viola, seconded by Leo Fahey; motion passed by unanimous vote. The applicant will again be notified of the next meeting; the Chairman will check on whether the Bureau can have someone interpret the documentation submitted with Mr. Beltre-Baez's application.**
- d. Application from Laurent Rondeau to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam was considered, Mr. Rondeau was present at this meeting. Members of the Bureau asked Mr. Rondeau if he has documentation available regarding his experience and credentials. **Motion made by Henry Geryk, seconded by Leo Fahey, to postpone consideration of this application until Mr. Rondeau can provide additional information regarding his education and work experience; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- e. Application from Michael Beaudry to sit for Journeyman Pipefitter exam was considered, Mr. Beaudry was not present at this meeting. The Chairman explained to the Bureau that the school which Mr. Beaudry attended will be added to the Department's list of approved school once the review process is finalized at DPS. **Motion made by Jack Viola, seconded by Frank Norton, to approve Mr. Beaudry's application contingent upon the addition of Rhode Island Construction Training Academy to the Department list of approved schools; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- f. Application from Michael Sirois to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. Sirois had come to the meeting, but had to leave prior to the Bureau's discussion regarding his application. **Motion to approve this application made by Bill Gallagher, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- g. Application from Francis Jalbert to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam was considered, Mr. Jalbert was not present at this meeting. **Motion made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Mark Fortune, to table this application until Mr. Jalbert can provide additional information regarding his education and work experience; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- h. Application from Eric Tosi to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. Tosi was not present at this meeting. **Motion made by Jack Viola, seconded by Frank Norton, to disapprove this application until the applicant can provide documentation of 100 hours of refrigeration theory training; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- i. Application from Richard Smith to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. Smith was not present at this meeting. **Motion made by Frank Norton, seconded by Leo Fahey to disapprove this application until the applicant can provide documentation of additional 2,000 hours of work experience; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- j. Application from Anthony DiBella to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. DeBella was not present at this meeting. **Motion made by Frank Norton, seconded by Brian Kelly, to postpone consideration of this application until the applicant provides more details regarding work experience, and documentation of total school hours from Kaplan Career Institute; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- k. Application from Robert McAllister to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman exam was considered, Mr. McAllister was not present at this meeting. **Motion made by Frank Norton, seconded by Mark Fortune, to approve this application; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

1. Application from Kevin Westgate to sit for the Refrigeration Contractor exam was considered, Mr. Westgate was not present at this meeting. **Motion made by Frank Norton, seconded by Mark Fortune, to approve Mr. Westgate to sit for the *Refrigeration Technician* exam; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
6. Chief John Rogers addressed the Bureau regarding the current status of the proposed changes to 528 CMR. He explained that the promulgation process of proposed changes to regulations includes review by the Building Code Coordinating Council (BCCC) for possible conflicts with other existing regulations. In response to this step, Wayne Thomas from the Plumbing/Gas fitting Board sent an e-mail identifying three definitions in section 2:02: 1) Fire Protection Sprinkler System; 2) Pipefitting; 3) Secondary Coolant. Members of the Bureau discussed the status of the plumbing/gas fitting regulation (248 CMR), and what language does/will be included in that regulation regarding pipefitting and sprinklerfitting work. Chief Rogers explained that the promulgation process for 248 CMR also includes review by the BCCC, and at that point potential conflict contained therein would be addressed; beyond that, the public hearing process which follows the BCCC review would provide yet another opportunity to address/remove/change language in the draft regulation.
 - Mr. Thomas' e-mail recommended that "and gas fitting" be added to the last sentence of the definition of Pipefitting. Chief Rogers told the Bureau that this would change the statutory definition, and therefore the Bureau cannot allow such a change to the definition. **As this proposed change would modify the statutory definition of Pipefitting, the Bureau did not take action on this proposal.**
 - It was recommended that the definition of Secondary Coolant be modified to read, "any liquid that is not part of a plumbing system". **Motion to allow this change made by Henry Geryk, seconded by Frank Norton, motion passed by unanimous vote.**
 - It was recommended that the definition of Sprinklerfitting be modified to include, "This definition shall exclude plumbing as defined in 248 CMR." Without seeing the draft of the plumbing code, the Bureau members agreed that they could not make a decision regarding this proposal. **Motion to postpone consideration of this change until the next meeting at which time a copy of the proposed plumbing code would be available for the Bureau to review was made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Mark Fortune, motion passed by unanimous vote.**

The draft, as it stands today, will go to the Building Code Coordinating Council (BCCC) tomorrow (1/16/14) for consideration.

7. The members of the Bureau reviewed the draft of the application forms for grandfathering of pipefitting licenses. It was agreed to add to the Work Experience sections a block for information regarding the applicant's *employer*. This discussion went on to include the matter of whether a test should or will require a test for process piping. Chief Rogers reminded the Bureau members that discussion of the requirement for an exam is a policy decided upon by the Bureau. Chief Rogers informed the Bureau that individuals and associations had expressed concerns regarding the examination and asked if the Bureau would like to reconsider the requirement. The Bureau declined to reconsider as the matter of requiring an examination had already been discussed and voted on. On the grandfathering application, under the Type/Nature of Fluids, it was agreed that the category 'Other (please specify)' would be modified to read 'Other Process Fluids/Gases (please specify)'. The Chairman suggested that the following language be added to the *Instructions* on Page 2 of the application: "Building service piping, such as chilled water or steam hot water, that are part of a building system are not considered process piping, and would not be applicable experience." The Chairman also suggested that the on Page 1 of the application, Name of

Current Employer be changed to read Business Name. **Motion made by Jennifer Revill to accept the changes recommended to the grandfathering applications, seconded by William Gallagher; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

8. The Chairman presented to the Bureau members for consideration a scenario where a SJ working at a college campus had applied for SC, but could not be approved as he is not an owner/partner in a business. The college wants to have their SJ become an SC in order to employ apprentices.
9. Member Appointments: This subject will be re-addressed at the next meeting of the Bureau.
10. This meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will tentatively be on Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Draft agenda for today's meeting
- b. Draft minutes from meeting on 11/20/13
- c. M. Beaudry, PJ Application
- d. G. Beltre Baez, RT Application (carried forward from November meeting)
- e. M. Sirois, RT Application
- f. L. Rondeau, PJ Application
- g. F. Jalbert, PJ Application
- h. E. Tosi, RT Application
- i. R. Smith, RT Application
- j. A. DiBella, RT Application
- k. D. Vanderlind, SJ Application
- l. R. McAllister, PJ Application
- m. K. Westgate, RC Application
- n. P. Schofield, RT Application
- o. E-mail from Wayne Thomas dtd 12/06/2013
- p. Application for Grandfathered Journeyman Process Piping Pipefitter Application
- q. Application for Grandfathered Master Process Piping Pipefitter Application